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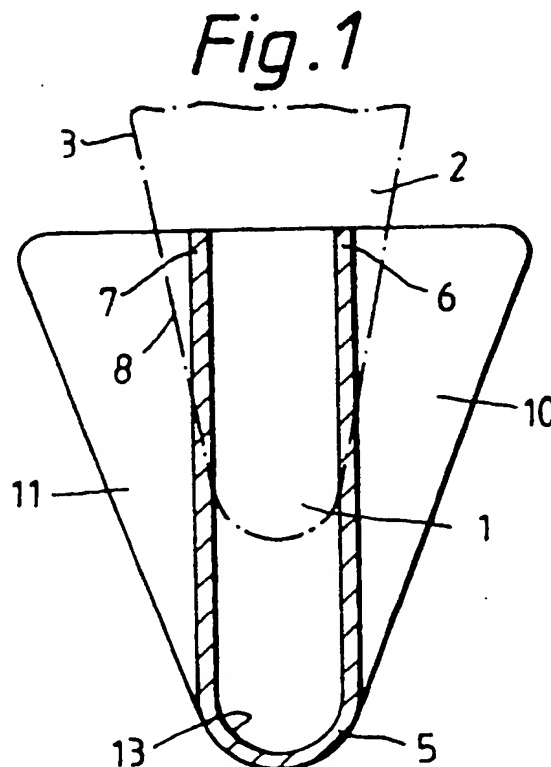
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Centraliser for the stem of an intramedullary prosthesis.

A centraliser for the stem of a prosthesis for introduction into an intramedullary canal comprising an annular body portion for location on the tip end of said stem and provided with three or more resiliently deformable fins or wings projecting outwardly therefrom and which are adapted to fold circumferentially and inwardly towards said body portion.



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Fig. 1

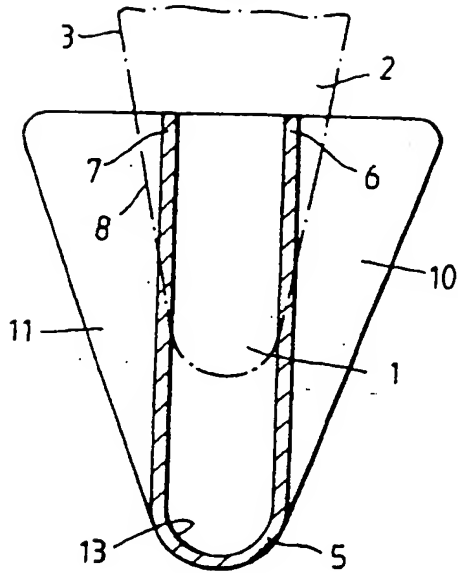


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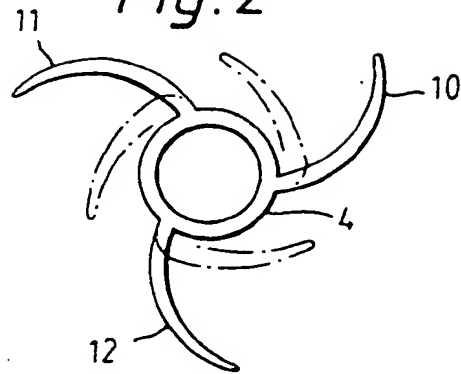


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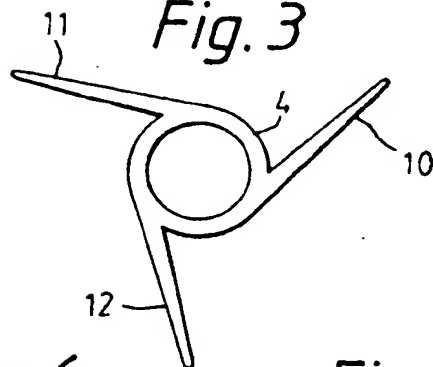


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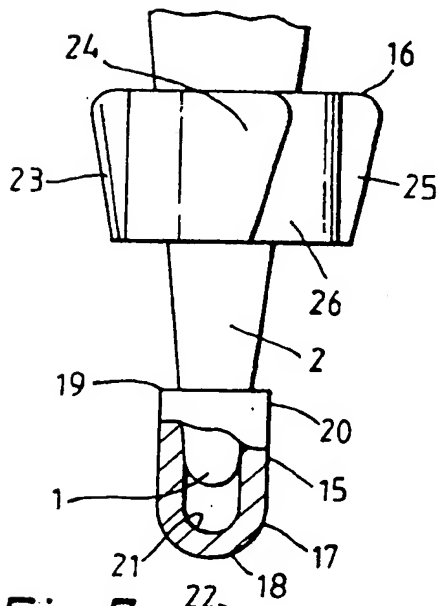


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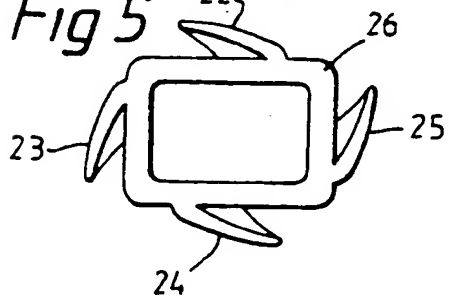


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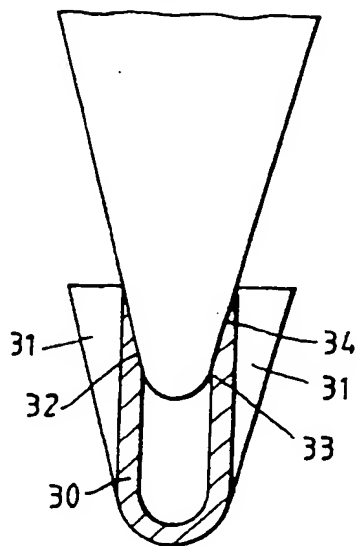
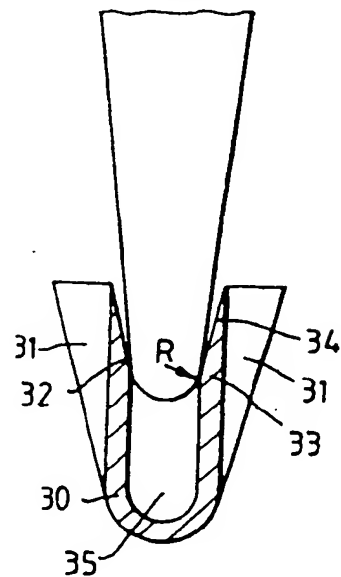


Fig. 7





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